

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with J. Michael Buchanan on 3/25/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

SPECIFICATION:

On p 1 of the Specification below the title, please enter

--This application is a 371 of PCT/US03/19348, filed 06/18/2003 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/389,778, filed 06/19/2002.--

CLAIMS:

In Claim 1, in the 4th line from the end, the word "dispersibility" has been deleted and the word --strength-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 1, in the 2nd and 3rd lines from the end, the words "that is relatively less" have been deleted and the words --of at least 10 weight % per unit area greater-- inserted therefor.

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In Claim 1, in the 2nd line from the end, following the word “the” and before the word “nonionic”, the word --reacted-- has been inserted.

In Claim 1, in the last line, the word “strength” has been deleted and the word --dispersibility-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 18, in the 1st line of part (b), the number “0.5%” has been deleted and the number --5%-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 18, in the 1st line of part (c), the word “dispersibility” has been deleted and the word --strength-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 18, in the 2nd and 3rd lines of part (c), the words “that is relatively less” have been deleted and the words --of at least 10 weight % per unit area greater-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 18, in the last line, before the word “region” the word “strength” has been deleted and the word --dispersibility-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 21, in the 3rd line from the end, the word “dispersibility” has been deleted and the word --strength-- inserted therefor.

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In Claim 21, in the 2nd line from the end, the words “that is relatively less” have been deleted and the words --of at least 10 weight % per unit area greater-- inserted therefor.

In Claim 21, in the last line, before the word “nonionic” the word --reacted-- has been inserted.

In Claim 21, in the last line, before the word “regions” the word “strength” has been deleted and the word --dispersibility-- inserted therefor.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the nearest prior art, Lindsay et al (US 6824650), discloses tissues comprising polyvinylamine as a required strength agent and a second different polymeric strength agent. Other prior art, Lindsay et al (US 6610173), discloses tissues not requiring vinylamine containing strength agents, but fails to disclose a strength agent in an amount at least 10% greater in one region than in another. A bathroom or facial tissue having the configuration of strength agents and properties of dispersibility and wet strength to dry strength ratio as currently claimed would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art from the cited prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS CORDRAY whose telephone number is (571)272-8244. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 -4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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